

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising biotin in an amount sufficient to administer to a subject a daily dosage of 0.01 mg per kg body weight to about 3 mg per kg body weight and at least one additional component selected from the group consisting of pantethine or a metabolite thereof, cysteamine, and epigallocatechin gallate (EGCG), ~~phytanic acid, lipoic acid and policosanol~~.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Original) A composition according to claim 1 wherein pantethine is present.

4. (Original) A composition as in claim 3 containing pantethine in an amount sufficient to administer to a subject a daily dosage of 1 mg per kg body weight to about 50 mg per kg body weight.

5. (Previously presented) A composition according to claim 1 wherein EGCG is present.

6. (Original) A composition as in claim 5 containing EGCG in an amount sufficient to administer to a subject a daily dosage of 0.3 mg per kg body weight to about 30 mg per kg body weight.

7-12. (Cancelled).

13. (Original) A composition according to claim 1 which is in dosage unit form.

14. (Original) A composition as in claim 13 wherein the dosage unit form is a solid dosage unit form.

15. (Original) A composition as in claim 14 wherein the dosage unit form contains about 0.35 mg to about 200 mg of biotin.

16. (Original) A composition as in claim 13 wherein the dosage unit form is a liquid dosage unit form.

17. (Original) A composition as in claim 16 wherein the dosage unit form contains about 0.35 mg to about 200 mg of biotin per ml.

18. (Original) A composition according to claim 1 which is a food or beverage or a supplement composition for a food or beverage.

19. (Currently Amended) A food or beverage comprising about 0.03 mg to about 50 mg of biotin per serving and at least one additional component selected from the group consisting of pantethine ~~or a metabolite thereof~~, cysteamine, and EGCG, ~~phytanic acid, lipoic acid and policosanol~~.

20–25. (Cancelled).

26. (Currently Amended) A method for the treatment of ~~both type 1 and 2~~ diabetes, and for the prevention of type 2 diabetes in those individuals with pre-diabetes, or impaired glucose tolerance (IGT), or obesity which comprises administering to a subject in need of such treatment biotin in a daily dosage of 0.01 mg per kg body weight to about 3 mg per kg body weight together with at least one additional component selected from the group consisting of pantethine ~~or a metabolite thereof~~,

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~~cysteamine, and epigallocatechin gallate (EGCG), phytanic acid, lipoic acid and~~
~~policosanol.~~

27. (Cancelled).